

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

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**PCT/IB2003/003781 filed 5 September 2003**, which designated the U.S. and claims benefit of **IT MO2002A000246**, dated **9 September 2002**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 6, as follows:

In a first aspect of the invention an anoscope is provided, comprising a first hollow-body means hollow body open at opposite ends and a second hollow-body means hollow body open at opposite ends shapingly coupled with said first hollow-body means hollow body and arranged to coaxially rotate inside said first hollow-body means hollow body, said second hollow-body means hollow body being provided with a window means arranged to make a portion of rectal mucous membrane accessible, characterised in that wherein said window means has dimensions and a shape such as to enable a surgical means device to intervene on said portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 20, as follows:

Advantageously, the The operating window is of dimensions such as to ensure access only to the areas of the rectal mucous membrane that are actually concerned by the treatment, thereby avoiding the protrusion into the hollow-body means hollow body of

excessive portions of mucous membrane, with consequent take-up of space in the field of operation.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 26, as follows:

Also ~~advantageously~~, the first ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body comprises a grip that facilitates the insertion of the anoscope in the rectal canal and can accommodate a light-beam ~~means~~device to enable illumination of the field of operating.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 30, as follows:

In a further ~~advantageous manner~~embodiment, the second ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body may comprise two separate segments that can be associated to each other before use in such a way as to be able to reduce the dimensions of the anoscope during transport and storage.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 1, as follows:

In a second aspect of the invention an anoscope is provided, comprising a first ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body open at opposite ends and a second ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body open at opposite ends shapingly coupled with said first ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body and arranged to coaxially rotate inside said first ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body, said second ~~hollow-body means~~hollow body being provided with a window ~~means~~ arranged to make a portion of rectal mucous membrane accessible,

~~characterised in that wherein~~ an angular positioning ~~means~~element is furthermore provided arranged to adjust the relative angular position of said second hollow-body ~~means~~hollow body in said first hollow-body ~~means~~hollow body in preset reciprocal angular positions.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 13, as follows:

~~Advantageously~~In an embodiment, said angular positioning ~~means~~element comprises an adjusting ring nut that controls 360° rotation of said second hollow-body ~~means~~hollow body, enabling the latter to be locked in six alternative positions, corresponding to the same number of positions taken up by the operating window in relation to the internal rectum wall. Said positions are the same as the ones indicated by the Sias method for surgical treatment of haemorrhoids disclosed above.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 25, as follows:

Fig. 1 shows a rotating operating anoscope ~~according to the invention~~, complete with dilator;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 14, as follows:

With reference to Figures 1 and 2, a rotating operating anoscope 1 comprises a fixed portion 2, comprising in turn a grip 3 that is joined to a support element 4, made of a material that can be sterilised, for example steel, and arranged to penetrate the rectal

canal through the anal orifice. The grip 3 internally comprises a coaxial optic guide 3' (indicated by a broken line) arranged to accommodate a light-beam ~~means~~device (not indicated) that can be used to illuminate the field of operation, i.e. the internal cavity of the anoscope 1.